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GRID FAILURE
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation has stated that some States behave contrary to the established practices;

(b) whether State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) is aware of such deliberate lapses led to the grid failure in recent times;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to allow the Power Grid Corporation for distribution of full power; and

(d) the details of policy, nation-wide, to have proper utilisation of all available power?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : POWERGRID, the Central Transmission Utility, has been entrusted with the responsibility of operation of Regional Load Despatch Centres. It has, at times, noticed departures by the constituents from the prescribed norms, like over-drawals causing low frequency, under-drawals causing high frequency, non-installation of capacitors leading to local low voltages, etc. The instances of grid indiscipline are brought to the notice of the concerned authorities by POWERGRID, from time to time.

(c) : There is no proposal to entrust POWERGRID with the responsibility of distribution of power in the country.

(d) : In order to extend the benefit of generation resources all over the country and to transfer surplus power from one region to a power deficit region, setting up of National Grid by interconnecting the regions has been planned. The present total power transfer capacity of the inter-regional transmission system is about 4850 MW (at 220 KV and above level and HVDC systems).It is proposed to enhance this capacity to 30,000 MW by the year 2012.